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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SAYS SINAI ACCORD NOTWITHIN GENEVA
FRAMEWORK

1. ADDITIONAL LIGHT WAS THROWN ON THE SOVIET PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW SINAI ACCORD BY AN ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER 7 ISSUE OF MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA. EVEN THOUGH THIS PARTICULAR JOURNAL IS NOT PARTICULARLY AUTHORITATIVE, THE AUTHOR'S NAME (A NOT UNCOMMON ONE) M. MIKHAILOV IS THE SAME AS THAT OF AN IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT WHO REGULARLY VOICES OFFICIAL POLICY ON A RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

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2. ACCORDING TO MIKHAILOV, THE PARTIES TO THE SINAI AGREEMENT

ATTEMPTED TO IMPART TO IT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF BEING
"WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE
CONFERENCE." THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, HE CONTINUES, BECAUSE
"THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD AN OBVIOUSLY SEPARATE CHARACTER" IN THAT
THE PARTICIPANTS--THE U.S., EGYPT AND ISRAEL--DID NOT INCLUDE
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES, THE PLO, OR EVEN THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE U.N. FOLLOWING A STANDARD DISCUSSION OF THE ACCORD'S

OTHER POINTS, MIKHAILOV CONCLUDES THAT A LASTING PEACE CAN
ONLY BE REACHED THROUGH "MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, WITH THE
PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALL SIGNS POINTED IN THIS DIRECTION,
MIKHAILIV IS THE FIRST WRITER TO POINT OUT IN PRINT THAT
MOSCOW CONSIDERS THE SINAI AGREEMENT TO FALL OUTSIDE THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA MEPC. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE,
HOWEVER, THAT HIS CALL FOR "MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS" DOES
NOT NAME GENEVA PER SE AS THE VENUE FOR THE NEXT ACT.
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